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f) regulating the level by acting on said adjustable feet of said boxes.

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12. (Amended) A process according to claim 11, comprising the following supplementary operation:

g) fixing said modules] on said upper surfaced portions of said boxes].

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 remain in the application. Claims 1-12 have been amended. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

As originally added by amendment dated November 28, 2001:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority of French Patent Application No. 0015516, filed on November 30, 2000[~~the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herewith~~].

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An installation for the circulation of part-carrying pallets[~~(12)~~], comprising a support frame[~~(12)~~] for supporting modules[~~(14)~~] for circulation of the pallets, [~~characterised in that the~~] in which said support frame[~~(10)~~] comprises at least one vertical frame arrangement[~~(16)~~] formed by a rigid mecano-welded structure from standard profile members[~~(20, 22, 24, 26)~~], as well as boxes[~~(18)~~] each formed by a mecano-welded structure from standard profile members[~~(42, 46, 48)~~] and capable of being removably fixed on respective sides of[~~the~~] said vertical frame arrangement[~~(16)~~], and[~~that~~] each of[~~the~~] said boxes[~~(18)~~] comprises an upper surfaced portion[~~(44)~~] capable of receiving at least one module [~~(14)~~] and a lower portion[~~(40)~~] provided with adjustable feet[~~(50)~~] for adjusting the horizontality of[~~the~~] said upper surfaced portion.
2. (Amended) An installation [~~as set forth in~~] according to claim 1[~~characterised in that the~~], wherein said standard profile members[~~(20, 22, 24, 26)~~] of[~~the~~] said vertical frame arrangement[~~(16)~~] and[~~the~~] said standard profile members[~~(42, 46, 48)~~] of[~~the~~] said boxes [~~(18)~~] are commercially available profile members of steel of type NIP.
3. (Amended) An installation [~~as set forth in~~] according to claim 1[~~characterised in that the~~], wherein said vertical frame arrangement[~~(16)~~] comprises a lower horizontal profile member[~~(20)~~], an upper horizontal profile member[~~(22)~~], an intermediate horizontal profile member[~~(24)~~] and two vertical profile members[~~(26)~~] connected to the respective ends of[~~the~~] said horizontal profile members[~~(20, 22, 24)~~].

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4. (Amended) An installation[~~as set forth in claim 2 characterised in that the]~~ according to claim 2, wherein said lower horizontal profile member[~~(20)~~] extends substantially at the level of the lower portion[~~(40)~~] of[~~the~~] said boxes without however resting on the ground,[~~that the]~~ and wherein said intermediate horizontal profile member[~~(24)~~] extends substantially at the level of the upper surfaced portion[~~(44)~~] of[~~the~~] said boxes, and[~~that the]~~ wherein said upper profile member[~~(22)~~] extends at a spacing with respect to the level of[~~the~~] said upper surfaced portion[~~(44)~~] of[~~the~~] said boxes.

5. (Amended) An installation[~~as set forth in one of claims 3 and 4 characterised in that the]~~ according to claim 1, wherein said vertical frame arrangement[~~(16)~~] is provided on each side with six fixing plates[~~(28, 28, 30, 30, 32, 32)~~] which comprise four box fixing plates[~~(28, 28, 30, 30)~~] capable of being removably fixed to four homologous fixing plates[~~(54)~~] forming part of a box[~~(18)~~] and two frame arrangement fixing plates[~~(32)~~] capable of being removably fixed on an adjacent vertical frame arrangement.

6. (Amended) An installation[~~as set forth in~~] according to claim 5[~~characterised in that the], wherein said~~ six fixing plates[~~(28, 28, 30, 30, 32, 32)~~] disposed on one side of[~~the~~] said frame arrangement[~~(16)~~] extend horizontally and comprise two lower plates[~~(28)~~] fixed at the level of[~~the~~] said lower profile member[~~(20)~~] of[~~the~~] said frame arrangement, two intermediate plates[~~(30)~~] fixed at the level of[~~the~~] said intermediate profile member[~~(24)~~] and two upper plates[~~(32)~~] fixed at the level of[~~the~~] said upper profile member[~~(22)~~] of[~~the~~] said frame arrangement.

7. (Amended) An installation[~~as set forth in one of claims 5 and 6 characterised in that the]~~ according to claim 6, wherein said six fixing plates[~~(28, 28, 30, 30, 32, 32)~~] are co-planar and welded to[~~the~~] said vertical frame arrangement[~~(16)~~] and comprise three plates[~~(28, 30, 32)~~] which extend beyond one off[~~the~~] said two vertical profile members[~~(26)~~] and three plates [~~(28, 30, 32)~~]which extend beyond[~~the~~] said other vertical profile member[~~(26)~~].

8. (Amended) An installation[~~as set forth in one of claims 5 through 7 characterised in that the]~~ according to claim 5, wherein said box fixing plates[~~(28, 28, 30, 30)~~] forming part of[~~the~~] said frame arrangement[~~(16)~~] are capable of being fixed respectively against[~~the~~] said four

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homologous plates[-(54)] of a box by way of fixing means of the screw type and with the interposition of spacer plates[-(57)].

9. (Amended) An installation[~~as set forth in one of claims 5 through 8 characterised in that~~ ~~the]~~ according to claim 5, wherein said fixing plates[-(54)] of[~~the~~] said box[-(18)] are co-planar and welded to[~~the~~] said box.

10. (Amended) An installation[~~as set forth in one of claims 1 through 9 characterised in that~~ ~~the]~~ according to claim 1, wherein said box[-(18)] comprises four profile members[-(42)] forming[~~the]~~ said lower portion[-(40)] and supporting[~~the~~] said adjustable feet[-(50)], four profile members[-(46)] forming[~~the~~] said upper surfaced portion[-(44)] and four vertical profile members[-(48)] connecting[~~the~~] said lower portion[-(40)] and[~~the~~] said upper surfaced portion[-(44)].

11. (Amended) A process for assembling an installation[~~as set forth in one of the preceding~~ ~~claims]~~ according to claim 1, comprising the following operations:

- a) assembling[~~the~~] said frame arrangement[-(16)] on the ground;
- b) placing[~~the~~] said frame arrangement vertically and holding it vertically;
- c) presenting[~~the~~] said boxes[-(18)] on respective sides of[~~the~~] said vertical frame arrangement[-(16)] and fixing them thereto;
- d) repeating if necessary foregoing operations a) through c) for other frame arrangements and boxes to form[~~the~~] said support frame[-(10)] of[~~the~~] said installation;
- e) assembling items of equipment or accessories[-(60, 62)] to[~~the~~] said support frame formed in that way; and
- f) regulating the level by acting on[~~the~~] said adjustable feet[-(50)] off[~~the~~] said boxes[-(18)].

12. (Amended) A process[~~as set forth in~~] according to claim 11[~~characterised in that it~~ ~~comprises,~~ comprising] the following supplementary operation:

- g) fixing[~~the~~] said modules[-(14)] on[~~the~~] said upper surfaced portions[-(44)] of[~~the~~] said boxes[-(18)].